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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Conyers:

Your July 26, 2005 letter to Inspector General Glenn Fine was referred to this Office on August 10, 2005. In your letter, you requested an investigation of the Department of Justice's handling of the investigation of the leak of the identity of a covert CIA operative's identity by high-ranking Administration officials, and you expressed concern that Department of Justice personnel may have attempted to delay the investigation.

Based on the results of our inquiry into the questions raised in your letter, we concluded that the CIA request for a leak investigation was handled in accordance with the Department's standard procedures, and that the investigation was not delayed or otherwise prejudiced as a result of misconduct on the part of Department employees. Accordingly, we consider this matter to be closed. Thank you for bringing it to the Department's attention.

Sincerely,

H. Marshall Jarrett
Counsel